

LOUIS XVIII. AT CALAIS.

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for London.³ Louis XVIII. and the Prince Regent of England exchanged the orders of the Holy Ghost and the darter, and I believe I may affirm that this was the first occasion on which any but a Catholic Prince was invested with the order of the Holy Ghost.

Louis XVII I. embarked at Dover on board the *Royal 8* <wer* ei(/n, and landed at Calais on the 24th of April. I need not enter into any description of the enthusiasm which his presence excited; that is generally known through the reports of the journals of the time. It is very certain that all rational persons saw with satisfaction the Princes of the House of Bourbon re-ascend the throne, of their ancestors, enlightened by experience and misfortune, which, as some ancient philosopher observes, are the best counsellors of kings.²

I had received a letter addressed to me from London by the Duc de Duras, pointing out the route which Louis XVIII was to pursue from Calais to Paris. In this he said, "After the xcal, monsieur, you have shown for the service of the King, I do not doubt your activity to prevent his suffering in any way at a moment so happy and interesting for every Frenchman." The King's wishes on this subject were scrupulously fulfilled, and I recollect with pleasure the zeal with which my directions were executed by all the⁴ persons in the service of the Post-office, His Majesty stopped for a short time at Amiens, and then proceeded to Compiègne, where the Ministers and Marshals had previously arrived to present to him their homage and the assurance of their fidelity. Berthier addressed the King in the name of the Marshals, and said, among other things, "that France, groaning for five and

¹ The triumphal one. The waving of white handkerchiefs, the display of white wankaden, won* prodl-giotiH. We mwer naw wteh an exhibition of linen, tmiHlin, and fulkft-~all ltonrbonfcally white. --Ktlitar of 1HM rrlttrm.

² The onightentment of the UoyaliNtM in deikwmBly painted by Puymaigro (p. IT.'I). "I remetrnl>or that one of my eomraden who Hinoo the diHhand-ment. of the army of <*onde had not left, hinchtlteati of VivaraU, said gravely to nifl <>n« day (1814). ' r^rhlet^ the King in very kind to trouble liiniMeif about Itifi <*barter. To etid all our <l**bsiteB, I Hould only have a law <*om- {MW«Hi of two artiolw. Flrat, everything in l'^nitce in ro-cHtai>iiNb<^I tut it wan on the Kith of July, 178N/ • -' And the iwoond ? ' -- * 'l*ht* wu'ond !« oven «im- l»k-ir. My Mluintow of War, Interior, and of tho FinaruuwH, «to, aro cliargwl with thoaxooittion of the nrennt ordtwnwwt.S And yet thin man WUH no f(X>I» but bin idean had pttrtruted,

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